

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 24 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 12 through 24 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention.

Claims 1 through 11 are currently rejected.

This amendment is in response to the Final Office Action of April 23, 2003.

Claims 1 through 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant has amended the claimed invention as suggested by the Examiner for the presently claimed invention to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention to comply with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Applicant has amended the claimed invention as set forth in claim 1 to include alignment of the first semiconductor substrate element and second semiconductor substrate element to clearly set forth the alignment of the elements as part of the claimed invention. Applicant submits that such amendment to claim 1 clearly sets forth the Applicants invention without omitting any necessary element of the claimed invention. Additionally, Applicant has amended the claimed invention to clearly provide antecedent for various terms as requested in the Office Action to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention to comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Therefore, presently amended claims 1 through 11 are allowable under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Applicant requests entry of this amendment for the following reasons:

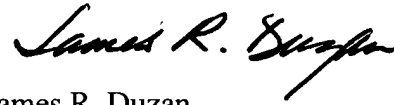
The amendment is timely filed.

The amendment places the application in condition for allowance.

The amendment does not require any further search or consideration by the Examiner.

In summary, Applicant requests entry of this amendment, the allowance of claims 1 through 11, and the case passed for issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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